

Barbara Dessel

Aug. 29, 1950 - Nov. 11, 2022

Barbara Dessel, 72 of New Sharon passed away November 11, 2022 at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, MN. Services were held November 16, at Holland-Coble Funeral Home, New Sharon. Funeral Home of New Sharon was in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Jean Dessel, the daughter of John and Lorraine (Vickerman) Johnston, was born Aug. 29, 1950 in Brookings, SD. Following her father's death at a young age, Barb was raised by her mom and step dad, Bob Hinrichs.

Barbara was a 1968 graduate of Brookings High School in Brookings, SD.

April 8, 1972, she was united in marriage to Ardell Dessel in Brookings, SD. To this union three daughters were born, Jennifer, Sara, and Lacey. Barb always stayed busy working and raising her daughters. Ardell and Barb lived in Brookings, South Dakota, Cherokee, Iowa, Grinnell, St. Joseph, Missouri before moving to New Sharon in 1999. Barb did home day care for a short time before working at North Mahaska Schools.

Barb loved to shop and had quite the collection of shoes and jewelry. She enjoyed getting her nails done, going out for dinner, glamping and drinking coffee. Her pride and joy was her family and she rarely missed a grandchild's activity or sporting event. Barb also loved animals and had two precious dogs, Lucy and Chico. She was a volunteer at the Mahaska Health Partnership in Oskaloosa.

Barb's legacy will be cherished by her husband of 50 years, Ardell Dessel of New Sharon; daughters, Jennifer (Chris) Hempel of Ankeny, Sara (Kevin) Lamb of New Sharon and Lacey Dessel of St. Joseph, Missouri; grandchildren, Braden (Katlyn Thomas) Lamb, Garrett Lamb, Lucas Hempel and Carson Hempel; two great granddaughters, Aubrey Myers and Everleigh Lamb and brother, David (Kathy) Johnston of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

She is also survived by her step daughter, Angela (Darin) Bruce of Aurelia, Iowa; her step grandchildren; step great grandchildren along with many other nieces, nephews and friends.

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